

CONFIDENTIAL

8 July 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Senator William Proxmire
Re Appearance Before Joint Economic Committee

Today Senator Proxmire called the Director to request his appearance in open session of the Joint Economic Committee sometime during the week of 9 August 1971 to testify on the Soviet defense budget. The Director explained our policy against appearances in open session, and proposed that, as in the past, we provide relevant material to the State Department for incorporation with their presentation on this subject. Senator Proxmire questioned the basis for the Agency's policy of not appearing in open session and the Director explained it was in accord with the desires of our oversight committees. He remarked that the policy had originally been established under Senator Russell and that Senator Stennis was now the one to whom we looked for guidance on such matters. He suggested that Senator Proxmire might want to raise the matter with Senator Stennis.

25X1



Legislative Counsel

Distribution:

Original - Subject

1 - JEC

1 - Chrono

CONFIDENTIAL

MORI/CDF